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" The posts of Regional Transport Officers were originally very few and not so important. Since the Transport Department was re-organized, the posts have become important and the question of their inclusion within the Commission's purview is under consideration. District Panchayat Officers and Deputy Panchayat Officers have been taken over to Government service only from 1st April 1951. It is proposed to constitute them into a subordinate service only. The Government consider that the general principles referred to above are satisfied in their case. As regards the post of Commissioners and Executive Officers of Panchayats they are officers of Municipal Councils and Panchayats—both non-Government bodies and therefore they do not come within the purview of the Commission."

11-15 a.m. SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have examined the question of bringing the posts of District Panchayat Officers and Deputy Panchayat Officers under the purview of the Public Service Commission? "

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI :—" No, Sir. Their cases are being considered separately."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, when the Government came to realize that the posts of Regional Transport Officers have become so important as to be considered for their inclusion within the Public Service Commission's purview? "

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI :—" Now that the Department has been reorganized, the Government have taken up with the Public Service Commission the question of their inclusion within the Commission's purview."

Condition of roads in Rayalaseema districts.

* 125 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the allotment made and the actual expenditure incurred on Government road works and the District Board works in each of the districts of Rayalaseema from 1946–47 to 1950–51 (yearwar) were;

(*b*) how much of the allotment made and expenditure incurred was on (*a*) maintenance and (*b*) new road works;

(*c*) what was the length of (i) National Highways, (ii) State Highways, (iii) District roads of different classes and (iv) purely rural roads in each of the districts of Rayalaseema in 1946–47 and 1950–51 (yearwar, if possible);

(*d*) whether there is any general or special scheme for the improvement and extension of rural roads in these districts and if so, how far the scheme has been implemented so far;

(*e*) whether the construction of any bridge, causeway or culvert has been sanctioned in these districts during the period 1946–47

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to 1950–51 and if so, how many have been (i) completed, (ii) under construction, (iii) sanctioned but not undertaken and (iv) under investigation; and

(*f*) whether the Government will be pleased to make a statement on the state of communications in Rayalaseema?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) The information is given in the statements[a] in Sections I and II of the paper placed on the table of the House.

" (*d*) The Five-year Post-war Road Development Scheme of the State, and the District Board programmes of Village Communications of the district boards concerned provide for formation and improvement of village roads in the Rayalaseema districts. Under Rural Welfare Scheme small roads are formed and improved in certain selected firkas and centres in the area. An allotment of Rs. 50,000 for 34 selected firkas and Rs. 25,000 for 50 other firkas has been sanctioned under the scheme. The achievements[a] in each district to end of 1950–51 is given in Section III of the paper placed on the Table of the House.

" (*e*) Yes. The details asked for are given in the statements[a] in Section IV of the paper placed on the table of the House.

" (*f*) The state of communications in the Rayalaseema districts has been explained in the note in Section V of the paper placed on the table of the House."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. THE CHAIRMAN.

(1) MESSAGES FROM THE HON. THE SPEAKER.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received the following messages, dated the 27th March 1952, from the Hon. the Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly :—

' (1) In accordance with rule 99 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Appropriation Bill, 1952 (L.A. Bill No. 1 of 1952), as passed by the Assembly on the 27th March 1952, and signed by me for the recommendations of the Council.

I certify that this is a Money Bill within the meaning of Article 199 of the Constitution of India.'

' (2) In accordance with Rule 99 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Consolidated Fund (Withdrawal of Moneys) Bill, 1952 (L.A. Bill No. 2 of 1952), as passed by the Assembly on the 27th March 1952, and signed by me for the recommendations of the Council.

I certify that this is a Money Bill within the meaning of Article 199 of the Constitution of India.' "

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[a] **Printed as Appendix VII on pages 308-312 infra.**